

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**TO H. RES. 267****OFFERED BY MR. SOUDER**

Strike the preamble and the resolve clause and insert the following:

Whereas recently released statistics demonstrate that America is not winning the battle to keep young Americans drug-free;

Whereas the results of these studies show that 29 percent of high school students state that a student in their school died from a drug-related or an alcohol-related incident in the last year;

Whereas 76 percent of high school students and 46 percent of middle school students claim drugs are kept, used, or sold on their school grounds;

Whereas studies show that 61 percent of high school students claim they can buy drugs within 1 day and 35 percent claim they can buy drugs within 1 hour or less;

Whereas it is reported that the use of heroin is increasing and that 90 percent of new heroin users are under 26 years old;

Whereas the use of drugs at a young age dramatically increases the risk of failure to complete high school, increases the likelihood of committing crimes, and reduces future prospects in education, athletics, and careers;

Whereas it is known that safe, drug-free, and orderly classrooms are key to an effective learning environment;

Whereas parental involvement is critical to helping young Americans resist the temptations of drugs and to establishing a healthy learning environment;

Whereas violent crime rates across the United States have declined due to strong parental involvement and cooperation among local, State, and Federal law enforcement agencies;

Whereas the same unified effort and commitment are needed to fight drugs in our schools, playgrounds, and communities; and

Whereas Congress has the unique ability to provide leadership on this issue by raising awareness of the dangers of drugs in schools in every community across this great Nation: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Congress that—

2 (1) all schools should be drug-free;

3 (2) the distribution, sale, and use of illegal
4 drugs in the Nation's schools is unacceptable;

5 (3) all Federal, State, and local drug fighting
6 agencies should work together with schools and par-
7 ents to ensure that a renewed effort is made to fight
8 the distribution, sale, and use of illegal drugs in our
9 schools and to America's youth;

10 (4) all governmental leaders, educators, and
11 parents share a role in raising the awareness of this
12 issue and offering constructive alternatives to illegal
13 drug use; and

1 (5) Congress and the President should work to
2 end the distribution, sale, and use of illegal drugs in
3 the Nation's schools and, work with local commu-
4 nities, schools, and parents to implement meaningful
5 policies.